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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 CFR §§1.97 AND 1.98

Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR §1.56, the references listed on the attached form PTO/SB/08 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. A copy of each cited reference is enclosed. However, Applicants have not submitted a copy of the U.S. patents cited on attached Form PTO/SB/08 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(ii).

This information is being submitted subsequent to the later of three months after the filing date of the present application or the mailing of the first Office Action on the merits, but before the mailing of a final action or the notice of allowance. The fee of \$180.00 was paid at the time this Information Disclosure Statement was filed.

Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-213867, cited as F1 on the attached Form PTO/SB/08, was written in a foreign language. However, Applicants have attached a machine translation of the

application which has been downloaded from the Japanese Patent Office. In accordance with MPEP §609A(3), Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the International Search Report from International Application No. PCT/US2002/025540 which is the application from which the subject national stage application was filed. Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-213867 is cited in the International Search Report in regard to claims 1-17 of the International application. The International Search Report categorizes the Japanese application as "A" documents, *i.e.*, a document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance. Applicants respectfully request that the reference be made of record and considered in the examination of the subject application.

It is respectfully requested that the references cited on the attached form PTO/SB/08 be considered in the examination of the subject application and that their consideration be made of record.

Applicants respectfully assert that the substantive provisions of 37 CFR §§1.97 and 1.98 are met by the foregoing statements.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments: Form PTO/SB/08; copies of references cited therein; copy of International Search Report